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SUBJ: MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT LAMIZANA AND TRADE
UNION LEADERS

REF: OUAGADOUGOU 3195

1. RE PARA 4 REFTTEL, PRESIDENT LAMIZANA MET WITH TRADE
UNION LEADERS EVENING DECEMBER 26. ALSO PRESENT WERE
MINISTER OF DEFENSE BABA SY, MINISTER OF INTERIOR BILA
ZAGRE, MINISTER OF LABOR CHRISTOPHE KAM AND SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR PLANNING LEONARD KALMOGO.

2. AFTER MEETING, KALMOGO HELD PRESS CONFERENCE DURING
WHICH HE EXPRESSED OPINION THAT MEETING HAD BEEN A SUCCESS
IN SENSE THAT DIALOGUE HAD BEEN STARVED BETWEEN GOVERNMENT
AND TRADE UNION. HE REVEALED THAT PRESIDENT LAMIZANA
HAD TOLD TRADE UNION LEADERS THAT, IN ADDITION TO
SALARY INCREASES ALREADY ANNOUNCED FOR JANUARY 1,
ANOTHER INCREASE WOULD BECOME EFFECTIVE ON APRIL
1, 1976, BUT THAT THE SIZE OF THIS INCREASE WAS STILL
BEING EXAMINED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

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3. TRADE UNION LEADERS APPARENTLY WERE NONCOMMITTAL ON WHETHER THEY WOULD GO AHEAD WITH THEIR PROPOSED GENERAL STRIKE ON JANUARY 5. IT SEEMS THAT THEY ARE DIVIDED ON THIS POINT. SOME FEEL THAT THEY HAVE NOW RECEIVED SATISFACTION FROM THE GOVERNMENT ON MOST OF THEIR ECONOMIC DEMANDS. OTHERS INSIST ON A SHOWDOWN WITH THE MILITARY REGIME UNTIL LAMIZANA AGREES TO MAKE SOME DRASTIC CHANGES IN HIS GOVERNMENT. THE TRADE UNIONS ARE NOW SCHEDULED TO HOLD A MASS MEETING ON JANUARY 3 AT WHICH TIME A DECISION WILL BE MADE WHETHER TO PROCEED WITH THE GENERAL STRIKE ON JANUARY 5.
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